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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-98178)

DATE: June 16, 1961

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (105-5947)

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SUBJECT: BETH MICHELE WOLLAND
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LOUIS HENRY JONES

ReDElet to Bureau, 4/25/61 and Bulet to Legat,
Mexico, 5/12/61.

For the information of New York, which has no prior information in this case, CG 6403-S advised on January 27, 1961, that JOHN ROSSEN, Chairman of the Chicago Chapter, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, at a meeting of the Executive Council of that organization stated that a BETH WOLLAND (PH) described as a faculty member of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, had recently called him and advised that she and other faculty members of this University were writing to the University of Havana requesting teaching positions there to commence on or about March 1, 1961. (u)

CG 6403-S advised on February 20, 1961, that at a meeting of this same group on February 19, 1961, ROSSEN said that a "graduate student" from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, had called him and that in the course of their conversation she had stated that she and some others are planning to attend the University of Havana in Cuba and will "sneak" through Mexico. Informant is of the opinion that this is the same person referred to in his earlier contact above. (u)

CSDE 403-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA J. RAYMOND COGHLAN on April 17, 1961, that he had determined there is no one presently or in the recent past affiliated with the "faculty" of the University of Michigan by the name BETH WOLLAND or by logical spelling variations of that name as originally given phonetically by the Informant. u

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Informant said that the only "graduate student" believed identical with the Subject referred to by CG 6403-S was identified by the Informant as captioned Subject, BETH MICHELE WOLLAND. Informant said that the University of Michigan has available quite limited background information concerning this individual who was enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Michigan for only one semester, that being the fall term of the school year 1960-1961. Informant said Subject is not presently enrolled and her present whereabouts are not known. Her home address while enrolled at the University of Michigan and available as a forwarding address when Subject terminated enrollment February 1961, appears as 3346 Stockholm Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. (u)

Informant described BETH MICHELE WOLLAND, according to University records, as born May 4, 1938, New York City, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN WOLLAND of the Shaker Heights, Ohio address listed above. She entered the University of Michigan on a Bachelor of Science Degree from Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, at which University she apparently, according to the Informant, did all of her undergraduate work. 3346 STOCKHOLM ROAD, SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO (u)

ReBulet to Legat, Mexico, advised that CIA, in a communication dated April 7, 1961, advised data had been received from an untested but highly sensitive source that BETH MICHELE WOLLAND of New York, who carried Passport Number BO 53303, had letter from a Fair Play for Cuba group of New York and was one of a group who desired to travel to Cuba from Mexico. The other members of the group who desired to go to Cuba from Mexico were identified as JOHN ARTHUR SWEETMAN, a 16-year-old U. S. citizen; LOUIS HENRY JONES and his wife, LENNA SCHWEITZER JONES. The JONESes were described as U. S. citizens from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and it was revealed they were in possession of U. S. passports numbered 1595957 and 1595958. It was reported that they carried a letter of recommendation from E. SANCHEZ, Coordinator of the July 26th Movement, Chicago, Illinois. This letter noted they were friends of the revolution and of JOHN ROSSEN, who is associated with a Fair Play for Cuba group from Chicago. (S) (u)

ReBulet instructed Legat, Mexico, to furnish additional data concerning the Subject, SWEETMAN and the JONESes [received from sources]. Detroit was instructed to furnish the Bureau additional data concerning the Subject and her companions. Detroit was also instructed to furnish the Bureau names of any additional individuals who have contacted Havana University for teaching positions. (u)

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CSDE 308-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA J. RAYMOND COGHLAN on May 26, 1961, that he received no information indicating Subject's present whereabouts. The Informant noted that JOHN ARTHUR SWEETMAN, LOUIS HENRY JONES and LENNA SCHWEIZER JONES were not personally known to him. The Informant said he had received no information indicating any of these individuals or any other members of the faculty or graduate student body of the University of Michigan having requested teaching positions at universities outside the United States. U

The Informant added that the only LOUIS JONES recently connected with the University of Michigan to his knowledge was one LOUIS H. JONES who attended the University of Michigan as a graduate student for the fall term of 1960-61 only. JONES, according to the Informant, was the announced "Co-Chairman" of an organization formed in December, 1960, at the University of Michigan under the name "Committee for Improved Cuban-American Relations." The Informant said that JONES claimed to have visited Cuba early during 1960, presumably during the summer of 1960. His purpose in organizing the Committee for Improved Cuban-American Relations is announced as his intention to use this organization as a vehicle for arranging low cost Christmas tours to Cuba for students attending the University of Michigan. The Informant said that the limited activity of this group appeared to follow the national program of the Fair Play for Cuba organization which latter organization initiated the "Holiday in Havana" student vacation tour for Christmas, 1960. The Informant said that when the U. S. Department of State issued an official caution to students on American campuses participating in the Christmas holiday tour to Havana, the purpose for the Committee for Improved Cuban-American Relations at the University of Michigan was frustrated and what limited student interest had existed in this tour vanished. The Informant commented that the attempted organizing of the Committee for Improved Cuban-American Relations on the Michigan campus proved an aborted attempt in view of the lack of student interest in the vacation proposal and the organization failed to become a functioning campus group.

Informant said that to his knowledge JONES' connection with the University of Michigan was limited to the one semester, fall of 1960.

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CSDE 575-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA J. RAYMOND COGHLAN on June 6, 1961, that the only LOUIS JONES recorded as recently having any official connection with the University of Michigan is identified as LOUIS H. JONES, born March 17, 1934, Arlington Heights, Ohio. This individual, on enrolling at the University of Michigan, September, 1960 as a graduate student, identified himself as a U. S. citizen. He identified his wife as LENNA E. JONES and stated prior attendance at Columbia University, New York, New York, 1958-1960. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University obtained February, 1960. He CUBA attended the University of Michigan for only the fall term 1960-61, and listed "future address" on leaving the University of Michigan as in care of Dr. MORTON SCHWEITZER, 310 W. 94th Street, New York 25, New York. He listed the latter address as an "adult acquaintance who would be aware of his future addresses." U.

This Informant advised that LOUIS JONES in September, 1960, co-founded an organization at the University of Michigan known as the Committee for Improved Cuban-American Relations. The purpose for the organization was to provide guided tours of Cuba during the Christmas, 1960, vacation for students of the University of Michigan. The state purpose for the tours was to "obtain an objective view and evaluation of the situation in Cuba by as many students as possible."

The Informant said that this Christmas, 1960, tour was reportedly jointly sponsored by the National Fair Play for Cuba Committee and by the Cuban Government. In connection with the tour arrangements, JONES reportedly stated that FIDEL CASTRO of Cuba was a personal friend of one ROBERT TAPER whom he described as the Vice President of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. U.S.

The Informant said that he had no additional information concerning JONES. He added that Subject was not known to him. Informant said that neither of these individuals were known to him to have engaged in other activities at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Informant noted that both Subject and LOUIS JONES were enrolled at the University of Michigan only for the one term, Fall, 1960.

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